

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD ON PROPOSED FINAL REGULATION

The Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources gives notice of a public comment period for the following proposed final regulation:

### *225 CMR 14.00 – Renewable Energy Portfolio Standard – RPS Class I*

The regulation 225 CMR 14.00 is a revision of an existing regulation to implement the Solar Carve-Out Program as required by subsection (g) of Section 11F of Chapter 25A of the Massachusetts General Laws. The Solar Carve-Out Program provision was included as part of the Green Communities Act (Chapter 169 of the Acts of 2008). The RPS Class I standard requires all retail electricity suppliers selling electricity to end-use customers in the Commonwealth to obtain a specific minimum percentage of their electricity supply from renewable energy generation sources, and the Solar Carve-Out Program will require a certain percentage from eligible solar renewable generation sources. The Governor recently signed into law Chapter 240 of the Acts of 2010 which makes an additional change to the Solar Carve-Out Program, increasing the cap for eligibility from two to six megawatts.

Any interested party may submit comments during the period which will run from:

**SEPTEMBER 17 – SEPTEMBER 24, 2010**

The Department will accept comments on this proposed final regulation, including the increase in the cap recently signed into law. This regulation was filed on January 8, 2010 as an emergency regulation, and subsequently extended on July 8, 2010.

All comments should be submitted electronically in pdf format to Natalie Andrews at [natalie.andrews@state.ma.us](mailto:natalie.andrews@state.ma.us) or physically mailed to Natalie Andrews at The Department of Energy Resources, 100 Cambridge St., Suite 1020, Boston, MA 02114. Any questions may be directed to Natalie at the Department via email. All comments must be received no later than 5:00 pm on September 24, 2010.

**\*\*Please note this comment period is NOT for any submissions about proposed changes to the RPS treatment of biomass – there will be a separate public process for such comments.\*\***

The text of the regulations can be viewed on the Department's website at <http://www.mass.gov/energy/rps>